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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND TO PETITION

(By Thursday, April 30, 2020, at 5 p.m.)

RE: *In the Matter of the Petition of the Washington Movers Conference for a Declaratory Order Clarifying Whether Commission Household Goods Rules Authorize Permitted Carriers to use Third-Party Contractors to Perform Regulated Services*
Docket TV-200348

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

On April 9, 2020, the Washington Movers Conference (WMC) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a letter petitioning the Commission for a declaratory order (Petition) in Docket TV-200348. WMC requests that the Commission clarify whether Commission rules authorize regulated household goods carriers to contract with third parties to perform regulated services such as packing, loading, transporting, unloading, and unpacking household goods.

WAC 480-07-930 and RCW 34.05.240 provide that petitions for declaratory orders must conform to certain requirements,¹ and WAC 480-07-930(2) states that the Commission will give notice of any petition for declaratory order within 15 days of receiving the petition. Pursuant to WAC 480-07-930(3), any person may respond to a petition for declaratory order by filing a response within 20 days after the petition is filed or such other date as the Commission establishes by notice.

¹ Pursuant to WAC 480-07-395(4), the Commission will liberally construe pleadings and motions with a view to effect justice among the parties. Although WMC's Petition fails to conform to the requirements set forth in RCW 34.05.240, WAC 480-07-930, or WAC 480-07-395, the Commission will exercise its discretion to accept WMC's Petition. WMC is cautioned, however, that the Commission may reject any future filings made with the Commission that do not adhere to applicable rules and statutes governing style, form, and content.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That any interested persons may respond to WMC's Petition by filing a written response with the Commission no later than Thursday, April 30, 2020, at 5 p.m.

/s/ Rayne Pearson

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